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PRESIDENT CITES **GIGANTIC SAVING** FOR GOVERNMENT

\$4,550,000,000 Scale of Expense Is Chopped to \$3,-974,000,000, He Says.

HOLDS BUDGET SYSTEM HAS JUSTIFIED ITSELF

Organization Has Set Example Which Has Tended to Make Thrift Fashionable.

President Harding, addressing this afternoon the meeting of the government business organization, held at Continental Memorial Hall, told repre centatives of all the departments and independent establishments that it has been possible to reduce the government's expenditures from a scale based on \$4,500,000,000, to a scale of \$3,974,-

"it is true that this showing is based on the accomplishments of only one-half of the fiscal year, but it demonstrates the possibility of the demonstrates the possibility of keeping the government's expenditures measurably within the scale forcusted, in advance of the fiscal lear's opening, provided that new legislation shall not be enacted to marcase the expenses," the President said.

Budget Is Justified.

He stated that the report of the director of the budget, from which he had taken the above figures, "indi-cates that even in its formative period the budget system has justi-fied our most confident expecta-tions." The end has been brought about as a result of higher syste-matization and better co-ordination of business methods. of business methods.

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"In accomplishing what has been achieved in the first six months of this organization's operation," said President Harding, "the director tells ins that a staff has been engaged representing a scale of expenditure, not new, but newly applied, of only \$109,000; while the reports show direct savings of \$32,000,000 that may be definitely emasured, and indirect savings of \$104,000,000, in a period of somewhat more than four months."

President Harding declared that he could not but feel that the government has in the budget organization, set an example of "care and thrift that has helped greatly to make saving fashionable."

The President's address at the meeting of the government business organization today follows: Gen. Dawes, Ladies, and Gentlemen of the Government Business Organization:

This gathering is the second in which have been brought together the heads of the various business departments of the government's organization. Something more than six months ago the first meeting of this kind was held, to signalize the inauguration of the budgetary system of control over the detailed conduct of government business. It is now need the ment business. It is now possible to survey the accomplishments of this first half-year period, and I think we may well congratulate ourselves upon the showing.

The report of the director of the budget is in your hands. It indicates that even in its formative period the budget system has justified our most confident expectations. As a result of the higher systematization and better co-ordination of business methods the director notifies us that, at an almost insignificant cost, it has been possible to reduce the governmost Insignificant cost, it has been possible to reduce the government's expenditures from a scale based on \$4,550,000,000, which was asked for the executive departments and independent establishments for the current fiscal year, to a scale of \$3,974,000,000. It is true that this showing is based on the accomplishments of only one-half of the fiscal year, but it demonstrates the possibility of keeping the government's expenditures measurably within the scale forecasted in advance of the fiscal year's opening, provided that new legislation shall not be enacted to increase the expenses.

Direct Saving of \$32,000,000.

Direct Saving of \$32,000,000. This gathering has been summoned in pursuance of a policy of calling together the business heads of the government, precisely as of the government, precisely as would be done from time to time in any business organization. Here the President of the business establishment can meet those who are in direct charge of the busi-ness machinery. In order to insure continuing contacts with them throughout the business year continuing contacts with them throughout the business year there has been created by executive order the co-ordinating boards whose reports are in your hands. In accomplishing what has been achieved in the first six months of this organization's operation, the director tells us that a staff has been engaged representing a scale of expenditure, not new, but newly applied, of only \$109:000; while the reports show direct savings of \$22,000,000 that may be definitely measured, and indirect savings of \$104,000.000, in a period of somewhat more than four months.

The various co-ordinating boards were created, on recommendation of Gen, Dawes, for the purpose of binding together in a common plan of unification the deartments.

of Gen. Dawes, for the purpose of binding together in a common plan of unification the departments and independent establishments which formerly, in large measure, oper-ated independently of one another. Through these co-ordinating boards, agents representing the executive, working under the supervision of the director of the budget, it is possible to impose and execute the general policy of the executive, involving co-ordination, economy and efficiency. If there were any misunderstandings in the beginning as to the method and purposes in bringing about this co-operation, they have now happily been substantially all dissipated. It is now definitely understood that in detailing, by executive order, any officer or employe of the government to serve as a these co-ordinating utive order, any officer or employe of the government to serve as a co-ordinator or as aid to the director of the budget, it is the intention that there shall be created a primary responsibility to the President as the head of the business organization. That responsibility is now recognized not only by the detailed officer or employe, but by all the departments and independent establishments.

Sure of Leval Support.

Sure of Loyal Support. In the beginnings of this govern-mental reorganization there were some who feared that if we detailed from each department or estabed from each department or estab-lishment some person employed therein to serve with the director of the budget there would be cre-ated a sort of double responsibility and divided loyalty, which might

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### INTERNATIONAL COURT CHOOSES DR. LODER AS ITS PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press. THE HAGUE, Netherlands, February 3 .- The international court of justice, meeting in private session here this forenoon, elected as president of the court Dr. B. T. C. Loder, a former member of the Dutch supreme court.

The election of Dr. Loder was virtually unanimous. He will hold the office of president for three

the office of president for three years.

Dr. Loder is an eminent authority on maritime law. He was a member of the Dutch delegation which visited Paris during the peace conference in 1919, while the treaty of Versailles was being drafted.

drafted.

The time until the formal public opening of the court, on February 15, will be taken up with the election of the vice president and other officials and with framing the rules of procedure for the

# TWICE TELL THAT POPE IS UNCHOSEN

First Two Efforts Prove Fruitless, Signal Tells Waiting Crowds.

ROME, February 3 .- The third and fourth ballots were taken by the onclave of the sacred college this evening in an effort to choose a successor to Pope Benedict. There was no choice, however, on either ballot.

had been taken up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, on neither of which any

Sisting Chapel today to cast their ington conference work well—and it first ballots in the elections of the is oelieved they will—then there will new Pope. The doors of the Vatican be an impelling force to bring about other conferences to deal with other international subjects. centuries-old ceremony, to remain shut until the next pontiff is chosen. Cardinal Marini, who has influenza. was taken into the Vatican before the did not participate in the opening ceremonies, remaining in bed.

Four ballots will be taken daily, instead of two, as has been the rule, it is learned through the Irish College, and confirmed in other quarters. The number and issue of the sincessive ballots will be evident to the people congregated outside of St. Peter's by the customary vote burning, a common iron stove having been installed just outside the limits of the long lines of cardinals thrones in the Bistine Chaptl. Two sacks of straw lie nearby. This is used to color the smoke of the burning voting papers, dark smoke indicating to the crowds watching the cardy at the conference, the conference, the signing of the important subjects used to color the smoke of the burning to the crowds watching the cardy at sign earlier.

First Vote Merely Test.

The first vote, it is thought, will be merely in the nature of a test of the drift of sentiment. Progress after doors were closed. It had been thought

merely in the nature of a test of the drift of sentiment. Progress after that, however, is expected to be fairly rapid, Cardinal Gasparri and others having indicated their belief that the conclave will not be long-lived.

There is much interest in Rome in the effort of Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, to reach here in time to participate in the voting. The steamship President Wilson, on which he is a passenger, is not expected in Naples before Monday, and it is feared that he may be disappointed, as he was in 1914, when Pope Benedict was elected while the cardinal was speeding toward Rome from the seaport in an automobile.

Prince Chigi, marshal of the conclave, and Cardinal Gasparri, the camerlengo, or acting head of the church, have taken precautions to prevent the results of the various ballots from leaking out before the conthe effort of Cardinal O'Connell, Arch-

prevent the results of the various bal-lots from leaking out before the con-clave is over. Greatest care was taken in securing the doors and re-inforcing the partitions which shut the area of the conclave from the rest of the palace. All the attaches have been impressed that discretion shall be exercised in the choice of the personnel of the staff so that no leak is

Carry Out Ceremonial. The conclave's isolation from the outside world was carried out yesterday with full ceremonial. Shortly after lunch the cardinals met in the Pauline Chapel, where "Veni Creator" between the countries.

Was sung; a procession then formed. led by Cardinal Vannutelli, dan of the Sacred College, passing through the Sala Regia to the Sistine Chapel, and behind closed doors the oath was taken to maintain secrecy.

The camerlengo, Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Rislett, the first deacon, surrounded by an escort of Swiss guards and acolytes, marched to Consistorial Hall, where all the attaches of the conclave, including the clerks of the household and those who are to be in attendance on the cardinals, assembled. Again the oath of secrecy was administered, under pain of excommunication and any punishment which the future holy father might inflict.

The masters of ceremony then proceeded throughout the sacred palaces.

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## HARDING PROPOSAL FOR ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS MAY DIE

**Washington Conference May** Pass Without Action Being Taken.

PARLEY HERE REGARDED TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

Plenary Meeting Tomorrow Morning Will About Close Sessions. Treaties Yet to Be Signed.

Plans were made today for the attendance of President Harding at a plenary session of the arms conference next Monday to witness the signing of the treaties, to thank the delegates for their work and to participate generally in the activities marking the adjournment of the conference.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN.

The Washington conference is about to pass into history without any formal attempt to bring about an "association of nations," which was suggested by President Harding in his pre-election campaign. Unless there should be some eleventh-hour attempt to disquiss this matter, the conference will adjourn without having done anything about it.

There has been no formal proposal nade at the conference for the estab-ROME, February 3.-Voting for the lishment of such an association. If an election of a Pope to succeed Benedict association of nations should develop XV was begun by the conclave of the later in line with the present status sacred college today. Two ballots given, it probably will come as an evolution.

The Washington conference is a sucarternoon, on neither of which and cardinal received a sufficient number of votes to be elected.

Fifty-three members of the sacred college assembled in the historic college assembled as a college assembled a

Plenary Session Tomorrow.

The conference is to hold an open plenary session at 10:30 o'clock to-

regarding the twenty-one demands. Gratification Expressed.

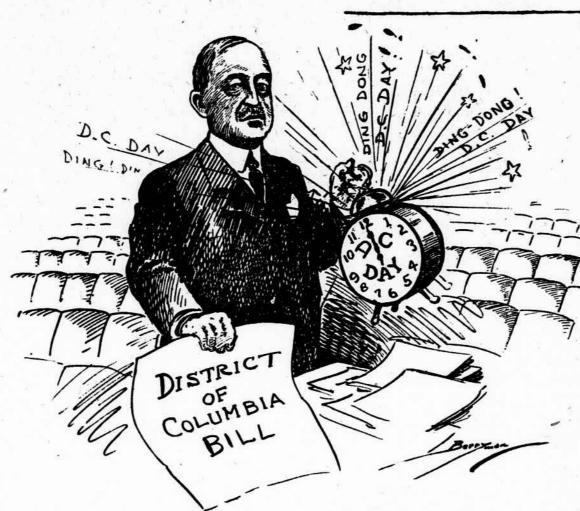
Dr. Wang will express the gratifica-

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## The Knickerbocker Theater Disaster In Rotogravure Section of Next Sunday's Star

A full page of photographs vividly portraying the wrecked interior and scenes attending the work of rescue.

Order your copy of The Sunday Star from newsdealer today, for the supply is limited.



A SUGGESTION TO REPRESENTATIVE R. WALTON MOORE

Supply Measure Makes Cut From Estimates, Giving \$12,389,411 Total.

the supply bill for the legislative to administer.

branch of the government was reported to the House today. The sum and Mrs. Anna I. Schultele, brother and recommended was \$627.125 less than sister of the dead dairyman, who have morrow morning in Memorial Conti- 204.28 less than the current approthe amount of the estimates and \$785 .-

Printing Office Provision.

For the government printing office total of \$2,523,973.20 is allowed, tion of the Chinese delegation at the which is \$372,830 less than the curcomplete withdrawal of group five of rent appropriations and \$221,840 less the original demands, the most ob- than the estimates submitted. Of this noxious of all to China, as declared amount \$130,880 is for salaries in the yesterday by Baron Shidehara, and office of the public printer, \$2,000,000 also at the withdrawal by Japan of for printing and binding for Coninsistence upon preferential rights in regard to capital for use in south Manchuria and eastern inner Mongolia, and in regard to the engagement by China of Japanese advisers in south Manchuria public printer and an increase of general prohibition agents.

\$12,000 is recommended to provide a suitable repository for the orginals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, which have recently been transferred to the library from the State Department.

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## INDORSE WIDOW'S PLEA

M. Oyster, jr., local dairyman, who is of her husband's estate transferred to the Equity Court, was joined today by D. William Oyster and Mrs. Marion U Rutherford, brother and sister of the deceased. Mr. Oyster and Mrs. Rutherford were named as defendants in Mrs Oyster's bill, but in filing answers to day they adopt the allegations of her \$12,389,411 Total.

Carrying recommendations for appropriations totaling \$12,289,410.95.

the amount of the estimates and \$785.204.28 less than the current appropriations.

This measure carries appropriations for the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Capitol police, the discount of the dairy business is attacked, and Edwin C. Brandenburg, the Capitol police, the discount of the dairy business is attacked, and Edwin C. Brandenburg, the Capitol police, the discount of the dairy business is attacked, and Edwin C. Brandenburg, the Capitol police, the discount of the dairy business is attacked, and Edwin C. Brandenburg, the Capitol police, the discount of the probate of the dairy business is attacked, and Edwin C. Brandenburg, the Capitol police, the discount of the ground that the Probate court has full powers to administer the estate and, having taken jurisdiction. executor and trustee, also seek the dis-missel of the bill. Hearing on the motions to dismiss was scheduled before Justice Bailey for

Monday.
Attorney Julius I. Peyser filed the answer of Mrs. Rutherford and Attorney Henry E. Davis appeared for D. William Oyster.

Concerted Campaign to Be Carried on Along Coast of Florida.

Plans for a concerted drive or liquor and drug smugglers along the Florida coast were announced today ty L. G. Nutt, acting chief of the

and in regard to the engagement. by China of Japanese advisers in south Manchuria.

Dr. Wang will take issue, however, with the argument made by Baron Shidghara upholding the valide under the twenty-one demands. He will point out that these agreements out that the committee has not tolly a time when she was at peace with Japan, and that they rest upon different entry one demands agreements. He will say further that Baron Shidghara will the thouse of the estimates have not passed the summer that they rest upon different entry one demands agreements. He will say further that Baron Shidghara yazument to attack these entry of the complete abrogation of all these ments of the Chinese delegation for the complete abrogation of all these ments of the Chinese delegation for the complete abrogation of all these of the complete abrogation of the complete abrogation of a complete abrogation of a complete abrogation of a complete abrogation of the complete abrogati

BRYAN HEADS PROTESTORS.

By the Associated Press. MIAMI, Fla., February 3 .- Orders

issued in Washington today for a concerted drive against liquor and drug smugglers along the Florida coast are in conformity with a request made several weeks ago by a delegation of local prohibition workers, headed by W. J. Bryan, who went to Washington and laid before the authorities there erally, pending legislative action on the general subject.

Thirteen new positions were requested and the committee finds justification for eight of those, with salaries totaling \$9,960. An increase of \$3,000 is recommended for employment of temporary services in connection with the distribution and sale of card indexes. An appropriation of \$12,000 is recommended to provide a fig. in wines and liquors.

HAD PETITION PREPARED.

transferred to the library from the State Department.

The total provision for the Capitol police is \$59,650, of which \$42,450 is for salaries.

The appropriation during the current fiscal year of \$345,720 for the Lincoln memorial commission was eliminated.

The total carried in the bill for the Botanic Garden is \$90,016, of which \$45,516 is for salaries. The appropriation for maintenance of an automobile for the Vice President is \$2,240, which is \$760 less than the estimates. The item of \$4,000 for an automobile for the Vice President, which was carrected to the vice president is \$2,240, which is \$760 less than the estimates. The item of \$4,000 for an automobile for the Vice President, which was carrected to send a huge petition addressed to President Harding and Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, asking that such a step be taken. The pastor of every church in the state has peen provided with blank petitions and the league has asked that he have each member of his congregation sign them Sunday, February 3.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., February 3.

—Backed by a letter of indorsement from Gov. Hardee, the Anti-Saloon League of Florids, it was learned to prohibition agents was coming to this state, had prepared to send a huge petition addressed to President Harding and Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, asking that such a step be taken.

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## IN OYSTER ESTATE SUIT IRREGULAR DIVORCE M. Oyster, jr., local dairyman, who is attempting to have the administration of her husband's estate transferred to

Alexandria Investigators to Meet Tomorrow — Legislative Hearing in Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., February 3 .-Thursday afternoon has been fixed by the house committee for courts of justice for hearing the Hali bill to amend the divorce laws and put an end to the evil which has

committee of the Alexandria Bar Association appointed to investigate meets here tomorrow afternoon.

At this meeting the subcommittee of there will advise the full committee of what it has done during the past weeks in the matter of tabulating a brief history of each divorce case on the corporation court's records from May, 1920, to the present time. It also will bring to the attention of the committee cases which on their face are looked upon as being irregular. The members of the subcommittee are J. R. Caton, chairman; Keith Carlin and Commonwealth's Action for motor car and talked a few to her motor car and talked a few

Keith Carlin and Commonwealth's Ac

about there existing some stratage of fact as to irregularities regarding the Livorce practice. At the corporation court house it was learned that the subcommittee has been working for several hours each afternoon and night on the court files in its tabulation of every divorce case handled during the period Judge Robinson Moncure has presided over the corporation court, which period is alleged to have witnessed the great growth in the so-called divorce evil.

Despite the fact that a thorough examination of the papers and affidavits in each case in the files is being made by the members of the committee, it is understood that they have succeeded in tabulating approximately thirty-five per cent of all the cases in the files for the period already mentioned.

Will Decide on Witnesses.

Besides receiving the preliminary report from the subcommittee when it meets tomorrow, the full investigating committee will decide on those individuals living here and elsewhere whom it will request to testify before it at a future meeting.

During the period of the investigating to pen and Taylor was out talking to the corporation and fixed as that the corporation the west of the screen was approximately eight inches stop the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the corporation the was approximately eight inches stop the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the corporation the was approximately eight inches stop the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the corporation the was approximately eight inches stop the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the was approximately eight inches the corporation was that it was used, how-teen, and the corporation was that the corporation was that the corporation to the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the short beams to the time Mrs. MacLean fixed as that the short beam the corporation was that it was approximately eight was approximately eight was approximately eight was approxim

future meeting.

During the period of the investigation the court, members of the bar and officials of the city government have been requested by the committee to do everything within their power to insure the protection of the state in the matter of divorces. There is a bill pending now in the state legislature which amends the divorce legislature which amends the divorce of providing protection of the state interests and which provides a more stringent restriction regarding the domicile feature of the present law.

She said sne was awakened the following morning by screams of Taylor's negro valet, who upon reporting for work at Taylor's house discovered the body of his employer and fied shricking down the court.

Search for Valet-Secretary.

The search by police for Edward Sands, former valet-secretary of Taylor, for whom warrants on charges of grand larceny were obtained by Taylor several weeks ago, extends to Fresno and Sacramento, according to the police, although (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

## CIGARETTE STUBS CLUES IN MURDER Citizens Demand That There Be

Figure in Mysterious Slaving

Nail With Fatal Results.

ing in the Cruz de Galvez school yard

in Hermosillo, Mexico, when one of

them attempted to extract the pow-

of W. D. Taylor, Motion Picture Director.

Remnants of Smokes Regarded as

Mute Evidence That Assassin Lay in Waiting. By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., February 3.--

A half dozen cigarette stubs offered oday the key to a mystery which for wenty-four hours has been deeper than any developed in his work by William Desmond Taylor, noted motion picture director, slain Wednes- port is now being compiled. day night at his home here. These half-smoked remains, found near the back door of his luxuriously appointed residence, according to investigators, give mute evidence that some man apparently waited nervously there on the evening of the murder. They link with statements by Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of a motion picture actor, that on the evening of the murder she heard a shot fired, and looking from the window of her home, which overlooks that of Taylor, she saw a man, stranger to her, spector Cliffors she saw a man, stranger to her, emerge from the front door of Tay-lor's home, look back through and ap-parently speak, close the door and de-part.

Statement by Workmen.

Another link is a statement by employes at an oil service station nearby become a disgrace in many parts of the state. Delegate Hall asks that all who want to be heard be on hand.

Members of the bar of Alexandria and several ministers from that section have announced their intention to be here in advocacy of the measure.

Disclosures Expected. From a Staf Correspondent.

ALEXANDRIA. Va. Fabruary 3.—Disclosures suggesting irregularities in connection with the alleged divorce evil here are looked for when the committee of the Alexandria Bar Association appointed to investigate that within an hour prior to that time the a stranger, whom they describe similarly, asked them where W. D. Taylor lived, and they directed him to the place where the shooting later occurbing the witnesses. His list includes the names of Morris Hacker, because at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, the information that at a time closely corresponding to that which Mrs. MacLean gives as of the departure of the mystery man from Taylor's house a stranger boarded the car at a stop close by, from which passengers rarely boarded a gar. They described him to the place where the shooting later occurbing inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, assistant building inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, assistant building inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer and J. P. Healy, present building inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, assistant building inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, assistant building inspector at the time the theater was erected; T. L. Costigan, computing engineer; J. R. Dowman, assistant building inspector. A. K. Seldon, and astranger was not the former assistant building inspector. A. Costigan, computing engineer; J. Costigan, computing engineer; J. Costigan, computing engineer; J. that within an hour prior to that time

to her motor car and talked a few Keith Carlin and Commonwealth's Attorney Smith.

Although the members of this subcommittee have given no hint as to any of their findings thus far, it is understood by persons who are keeping abreast with the investigation that there is not the slightest doubt about there existing some foundation of fact as to irregularities regarding the Aivorce practice. At the corporal that the subcorporal that the sub door of his home was open. Investi- roof. gators suggest that the stranger, who had been nervously smoking cigarettes while waiting for an opportunity to get at Taylor, apparently entered the apartment while the door was open and Taylor was out talking to Miss Normand.

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of it as she knew Taylor to be a reader who often remained up late. She said she was awakened the following morning by screams of Taylor's negro valet, who upon reporting for work at Taylor's house discovered the body of his employer and fled shricking down the court.

### "BRIGHTER LONDON SOCIETY" PLANS TO MAKE CITY "MAGNET OF WORLD"

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, February 3.—The Brighter London Society," which has just been formed, has undertaken what an American, who asked to join it, termed a "pretty tall order." It is nothing less than to make London, to quote a phraso used by one of its founders, the "magnet of the world," and thereby attract to it multitudes of people with plenty of money to spend, especially rich Americans.

The society is the outgrowth of The society is the outgrowth of a recent discussion among prominent business men at the Savoy Hotel. They were deploring the fact that American tourists were not so numerous as they were before the war. Then they fell to contrasting London with New York—Oxford street with the Great White Way.

Compared with New York—even New York under prohibition—London's aspect was decidedly "drab"

and its night life "dull," it was generally agreed. Everybody was of the opinion that London needed brightening, and as the result, the new organization was born and christened.

new organization was born and christened.

"The promoters of the new society," writes one of them, "hope to help make London the most worthy and beautiful city in the world; dispel its drabness, abolish its smoke evil and disperse its too frequent fogs; beautify the river approaches and lengthen the Thames embankment; object to the erection of ugly buildings, but to assist in every way the overcoming of unnecessary restrictions; help the theators, hotels and restaurants and shops of the métropolis, and thus attract the merchants and tourists of the world."

Among the vice presidents of the society are the Bishop of Birmingham, H. Gordon Selfridge, Gen. Sir Alfred Codrington, Viscount Curson, Sir Woodman Burbidge and Sir Harry Brittain, M. P.

### BOMB KILLS FIVE PUPILS. Sought to Extract Powder With INQUIRIES AWAIT SAN ANTONIO, Tex., February 3 .-Five children were killed while play-

der from a bomb left there when Francisco Villa's force stormed the town, according to a dispatch received today in San Antonio by the newspaper La Prensa.

The Mildren found the grenade near the powder house in which an explosion recently occurred. One of the children held the machine in mind hands while another drove a nail into it so they could get the powder.

Case Next Tuesday. Case Next Tuesday.

CORONER'S INQUEST

TWO CENTS.

**ENGINEERS COMPLETE** THEIR INVESTIGATION

No Let-Up Until Responsibility Is Fully Fixed.

Forecasting important testimony from every angle concerning the cause and responsibility of the Knickerbocker disaster, an imposing list of witnesses for the coroner's inquest Tuesday was nearing comple-STRANGER BEING SOUGHT tion today.

While the various agencies investigating the tragedy marked time. awaiting further developments, summons for the inquest were being served on witnesses by the police department. The inquest, it is said. will reveal facts upon which to base the other investigations now under

United States Attorney Gordon was awaiting a complete report of the preliminary investigation, made at his request by engineers of the Army detailed by Secretary of War Weeks. These engineers reported today their investigation.

Demand for Probe Grows. Demands for a thorough and rigid

nvestigation of the cause of the Knickerbocker accident continued to be made today by representative citizens. The general tone of these protests was to the effect that there must be not let-up until the crash is explained to the satisfaction of

Inspector Daniel Sullivan, acting superintendent of Police, and In-spector Clifford L. Grant, chief of de-tectives, are taking a hand in the investigation of the accident with a view to jurnishing Coroner Nevita the names of all available witnesse to appear at the inquest Tuesday morning. Coroner Nevitt also has taken an active part in the investigation and it is thought witnesses will be on hand to tell of every phase of the official to the coronary of the official to the official

G. Fletcher, Fletcher Fireproofing Company; J. L. McDonald, subcon-tractor for the ironwork of the building; J. H. Ford, designer for steel work and M. S. Rich, structural en-

Evewitnesses to Be Called.

In addition to the foregoing names, coincide with the visit of Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, to Tayply the names of several persons who were in the building the night of the disaster, and expert witnesses will be examined to enligten the jury upon the conditions which were found to exist when the walls and beams were examined after the collapse of the

fire limits of the city for a number of years and only permitted its use generally after the board of fire underwriters sanctioned it in their model code.

This statement was made today by Building Inspector Healy, who said that this type of construction, now used generally, was not allowed here until the city of New York also had provided for it.

Inspector Healy said that for a long time before he became head of the building department the Hie interests endeavored to have hollow tile permitted within the fire limits.

Opposed Use of Tile. The present inspector of buildings said it fell to his lot to meet the men (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

### An Explanation

It is learned that in certain limited localities an exorbitant price was charged for The Star last Sunday morning and the Extra Star Sunday afternoon. These papers were sold to newsboys and dealers at no increase in the regular price and were to be sold at 5 cents in bath instances. in both instances.

The boys have always been allowed to sell Star EXTRAS at 5 cents in order to insure quick distribution. Anything in excess of this was totally unwarranted.

Any profiteering is deeply regretted and was without the knowledge and consent of The